

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT ON BILL NO. **H.4428, As Amended**  
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TO:	The Honorable Glenn McConnell, Chairman, Senate Judiciary Committee		
FROM:	Office of State Budget, Budget and Control Board		
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SUBJECT:	Competitive Cable Services Act		

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ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES:  
A Cost to the General Fund (See Below)

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON FEDERAL & OTHER FUND EXPENDITURES:  
\$0 (No additional expenditures or savings are expected)

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**BILL SUMMARY:**

House Bill 4428, as amended, would pre-empt any other regulation or franchising of cable services, provide for state-issued certificates of franchise and establish procedures and requirements for franchising cable services.

**EXPLANATION OF IMPACT:**

Secretary of State's Office

This Bill would require 1.00 FTE for an Administrative Assistant at an annual cost to the General Fund of \$24,087 for salary, fringe and other operating expenses. The new position would be used to handle the additional workload including filing the certificates of franchise. There would be no impact to Federal and/or Other Funds.

Department of Consumer Affairs

The Department indicates it would need three additional positions, (2) Complaint Analysts and (1) Investigator to meet the requirements of this Bill. It is estimated the total cost to the General Fund for the three positions with employer contributions is approximately \$87,083 with operating expenses of \$15,209 for office space, phone and travel. There are one-time expenses of \$8,100 for office and computer equipment.

Educational Television Commission

The Educational Television Commission indicates there will be no impact on the General Fund of the State or on Federal and/or other funds.

Recapitulation

Total first year costs are estimated at \$134,479 including salaries and fringe benefits for four additional positions, other operating expenses, and non-recurring expenses associated with the purchase of office furniture and computers. Annual recurring costs thereafter are estimated at \$126,379.

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT IMPACT:**

A survey of local governments indicates enactment would have a negative impact on municipal revenues. Of the two municipalities that responded one indicated revenue could decrease by \$34,000 while the other estimated a revenue loss at \$173,900.

**SPECIAL NOTES:**

The Bill authorizes the Secretary of State's Office to establish a fee not to exceed \$110 for each application. The Board of Economic Advisors is the appropriate entity to address any revenue impact associated with this Bill.

Approved by:

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Don Addy". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Don Addy  
Assistant Director, Office of State Budget